

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace abstract with the following amended abstract:

A tax information requestor collects tax information. The tax information requestor connects electronically to an electronic intermediary and/or to a tax data provider. The tax information requestor collects electronically an electronic tax return and/or tax data of a taxpayer from the electronic intermediary. The tax information requestor collects electronically tax data from the tax data provider. ~~[[A]]~~Further, a tax information distributor collects tax information. The tax information distributor connects electronically to electronic intermediaries and/or to tax data providers. The tax information distributor collects electronically electronic tax returns and/or tax data of taxpayers from the electronic intermediaries. The tax information distributor collects electronically tax data of taxpayers from the tax data providers. The tax information distributor assembles collected electronic tax returns and/or tax data to obtain assembled tax information of taxpayers.